

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re new U.S. patent application of : Attn: Box Missing Parts

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For: Utilization of Water-Soluble Zirconium Compounds as Drying Accelerators in
Aqueous Coating AgentsRESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATIONAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application dated May 7, 2002, submitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application is the executed Declaration. A copy of the PTO form is also enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the surcharge due (37 CFR 1.16(e)) in the amount of \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 03-2060. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any fee deficiency asserted to be paid, or which should have been paid herewith, or with any paper hereafter filed in this application and credit any fee overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2060.

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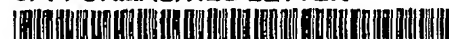
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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

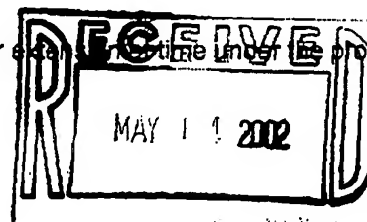
- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Priority Document
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- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$130 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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